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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
March 30, 2000

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37245

Re: *Discount Communications, Inc.*
Docket No. 00-00230

Dear Mr. Waddell:

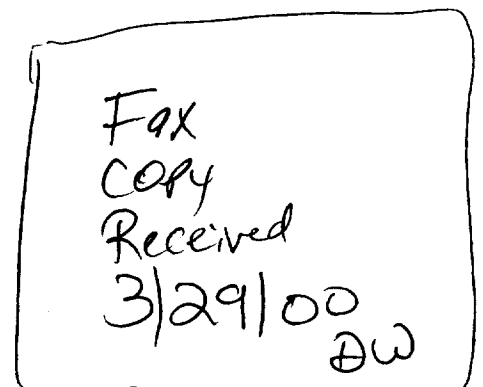
Enclosed are the original and thirteen copies of the Compromise Agreement in the above-referenced matter, a copy of which was faxed to the TRA on March 29, 2000. A copy of the enclosed is being provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,

Patrick W. Turner

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Enclosure



BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: *Discount Communications, Inc.*

Docket No. 00-00230

COMPROMISE AGREEMENT

Following the regularly scheduled Directors Conference on March 28, 2000, the Directors of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority held a hearing to address the request of Discount Communications, Inc. ("Discount Communications") for a formal hearing to resolve certain disputes presented by Discount Communications with regard to bills submitted to it by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"). Prior to this March 28, 2000 hearing, BellSouth had disconnected Discount Communication's access to BellSouth's LENS system as a result of Discount Communications' failure to pay the total amount BellSouth had billed to Discount Communications up to that date. During this hearing on March 28, 2000, Discount Communications and BellSouth, by and through their counsel, reached a compromise agreement with regard to how this billing dispute will be handled between March 28, 2000 and the date the TRA makes a final ruling on all proposed issues submitted by Discount Communications to the TRA pursuant to and in accordance with the Agreed Procedural Order jointly filed by Discount Communications and BellSouth on or about March 29, 2000. The terms and conditions of this compromise agreement are as follows:

1. BellSouth will provide Discount Communications with access to the LENS system no later than noon on March 29, 2000;
2. Discount Communications will pay BellSouth \$10,000.00 no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2000;
3. Beginning April 4, 2000 and continuing until and including the date the TRA makes a final ruling on all proposed issues submitted by Discount Communications to the TRA

pursuant to and in accordance with the Agreed Procedural Order jointly filed by Discount Communications and BellSouth on or about March 29, 2000, Discount Communications shall pay into the escrow account established by agreement of the parties the amount of \$1,500 by 5:00 p.m. each and every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and \$4,500 each Monday.

4. The amounts in the escrow fund established pursuant to this compromise agreement shall be used to pay any and all amounts owed to BellSouth for services rendered on and after April 4, 2000. If any amount remains in the escrow fund after such amounts are paid out of the fund, such remaining amounts shall be returned to Discount Communications.

5. Without consenting to BellSouth's right to do so, it is understood by Discount Communications that BellSouth will, upon six business hours' notice, terminate and disconnect any and all services it provides to Discount Communications if either: (1) Discount Communications fails to make any payments as required by this agreement within the time required by this agreement; or (2) any check submitted by Discount Communications pursuant to this Settlement Agreement is returned for insufficient funds or otherwise not honored by the financial institution upon which it is drawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED:

Hon. Richard Collier, Hearing Officer
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 30, 2000, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via the method indicated:

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☐ Mail
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☐ Overnight

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